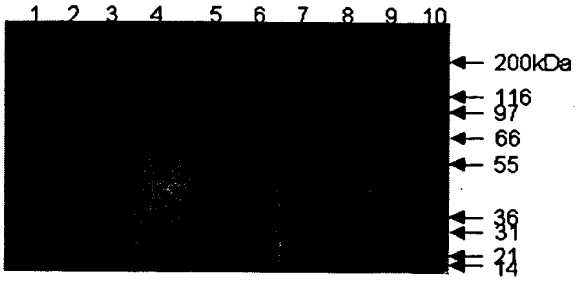
Fig. 1



Lanes 1 & 10, marker proteins; lane 2 untreated mbh; lane 3, 50°C, lane 4, 60°C, lane 5, 70°C; lane 6, 80°C; lane 7, 90°C; lane 8, 100°C; lane 9, Protease M.

Fig. 2

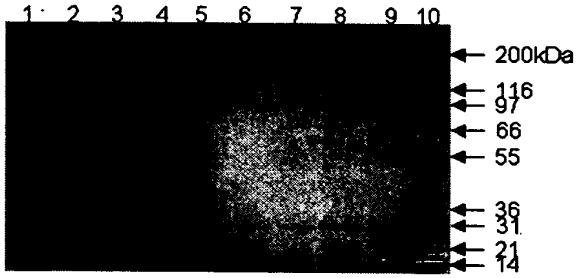


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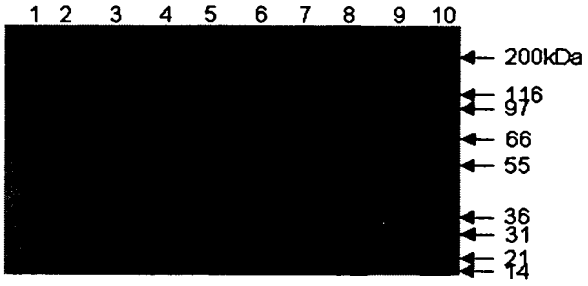
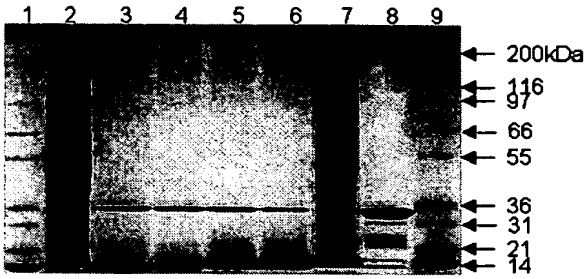
Fig. 3



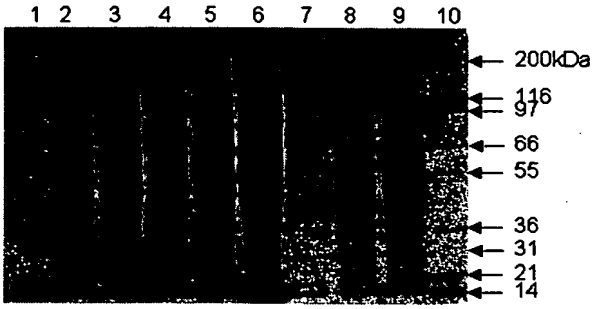
Lanes 1 & 10, marker proteins; lane 2 untreated mbh; lanes 3 - 8, Rokko digest (20mg.ml^{-1} - 0.1mg.ml^{-1}), lane 9, Rokko (1mg.ml^{-1}).

Fig. 4



Lanes 1 & 9, marker proteins; lane 2 untreated mbh; lane 3, 2% SDS; lane 4, 1% SDS; lane 5, 0.5% SDS; lane 6, 0.25% SDS; lane 7, mbh + 2% SDS; lane 8, Rokko (20mg.ml^{-1}).

Fig. 5



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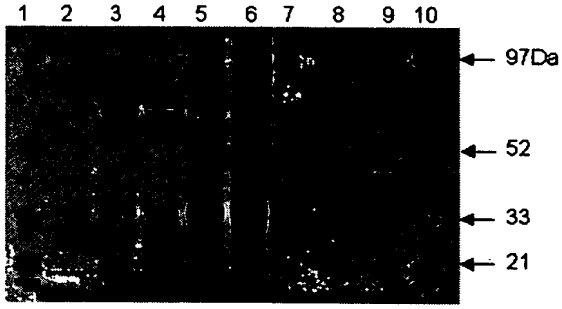
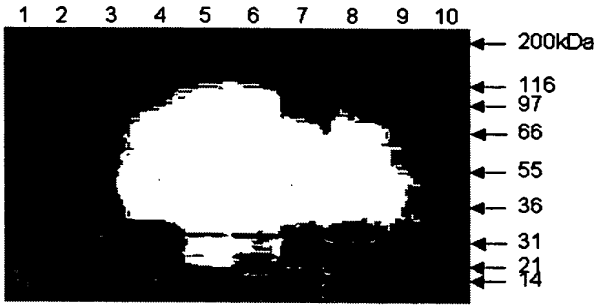


Lanes 1 & 10, marker proteins; lanes 2 & 3, mbh; lanes 4 - 6, mbh pellet; lanes 7 - 9, mbh supernatant.

Fig.7



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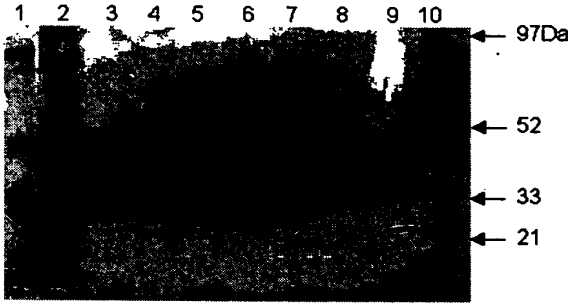

Lanes 1 & 10, marker proteins; lane 2, untreated mbh; lane 3, Protease G digest; lane 4, Protease G; lane 5, Protease R digest; lane 6, Protease R; lane 7, Protease C digest; lane 8, Protease C; lane 9, rec. mouse PrP.

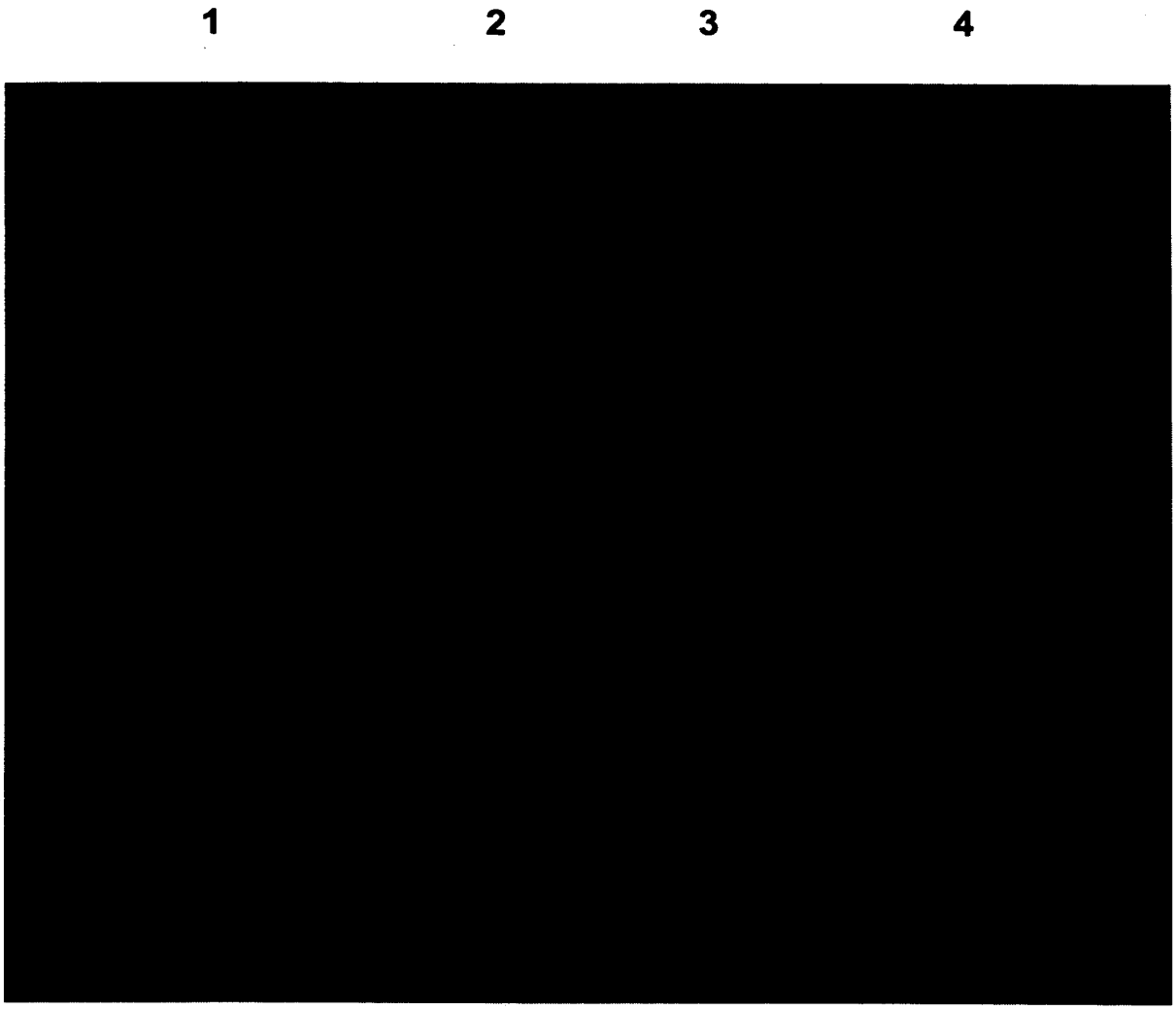

Fig. 9

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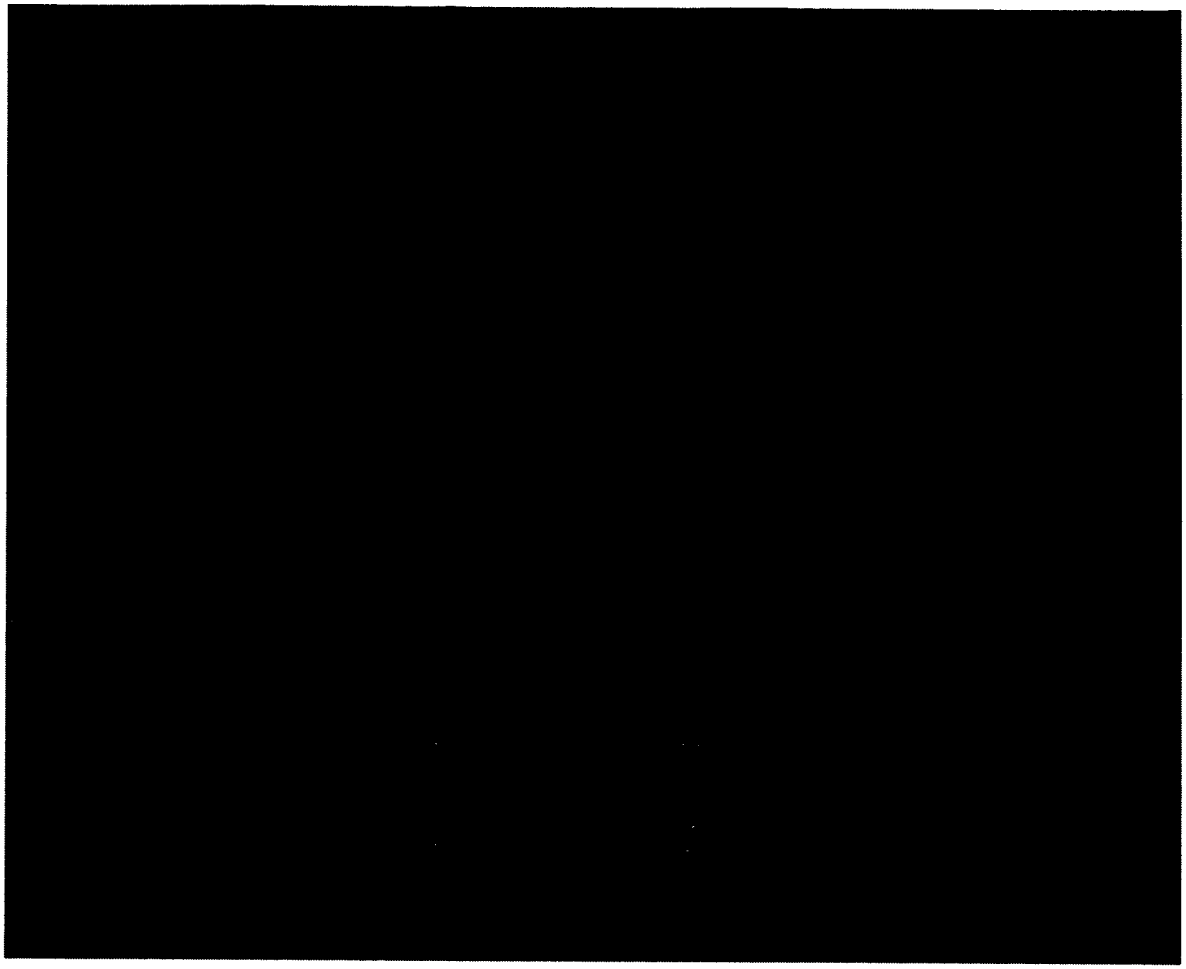

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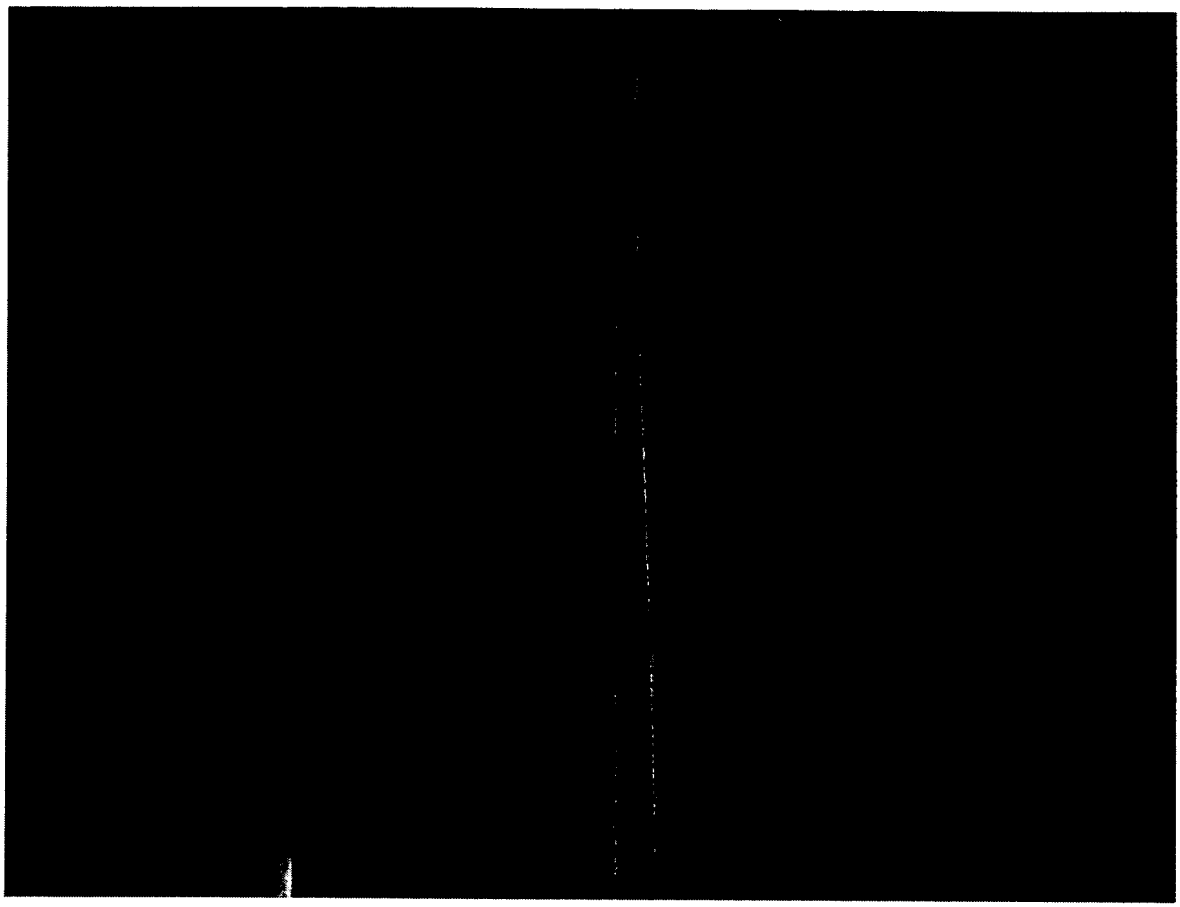

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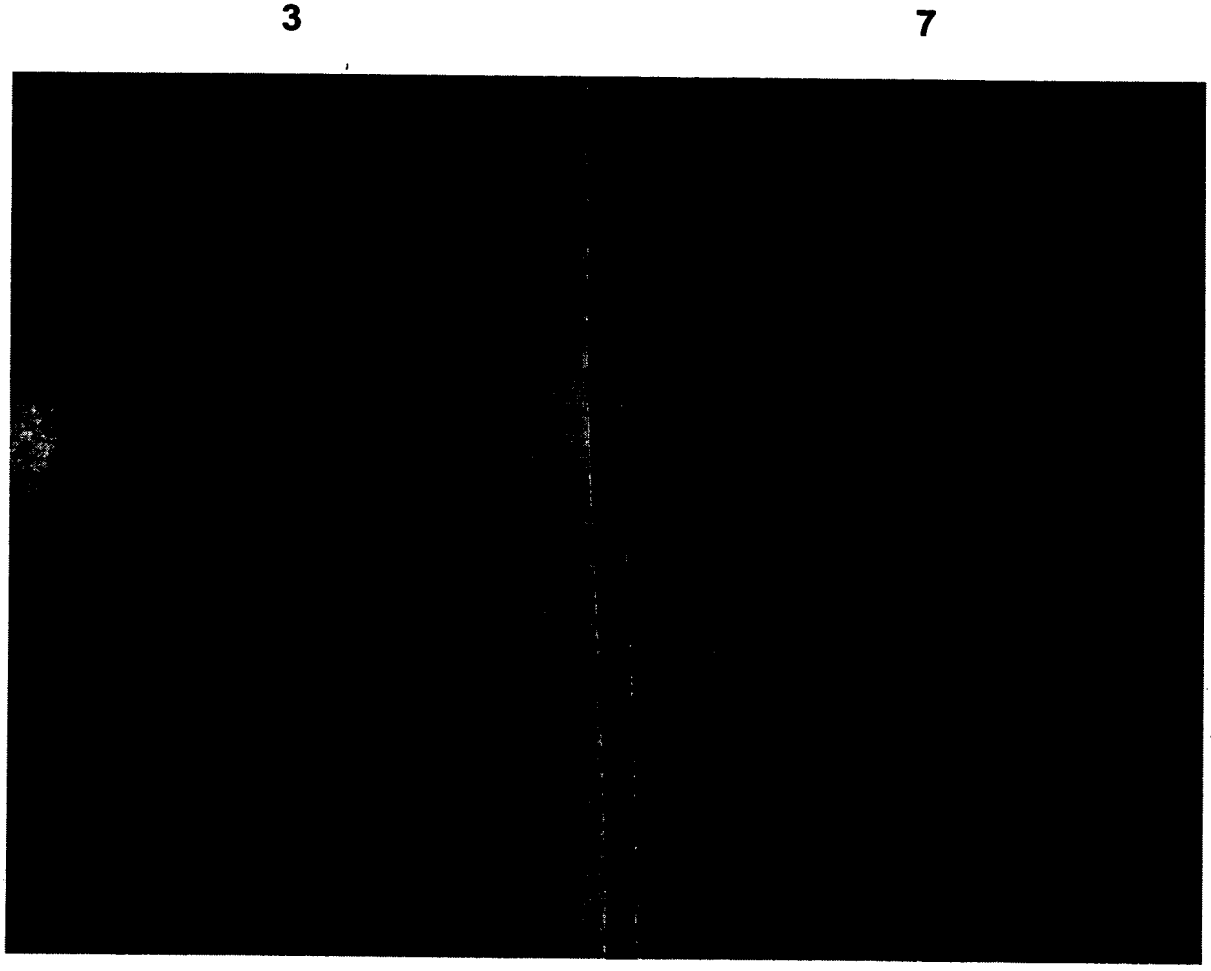

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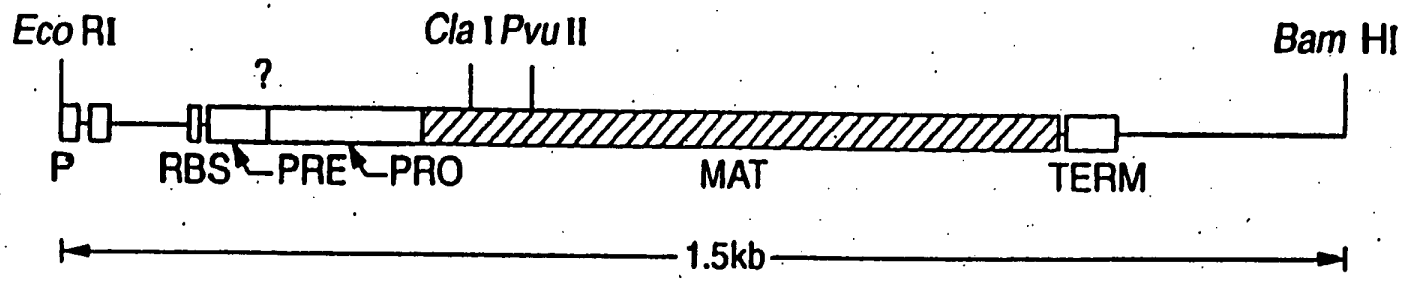
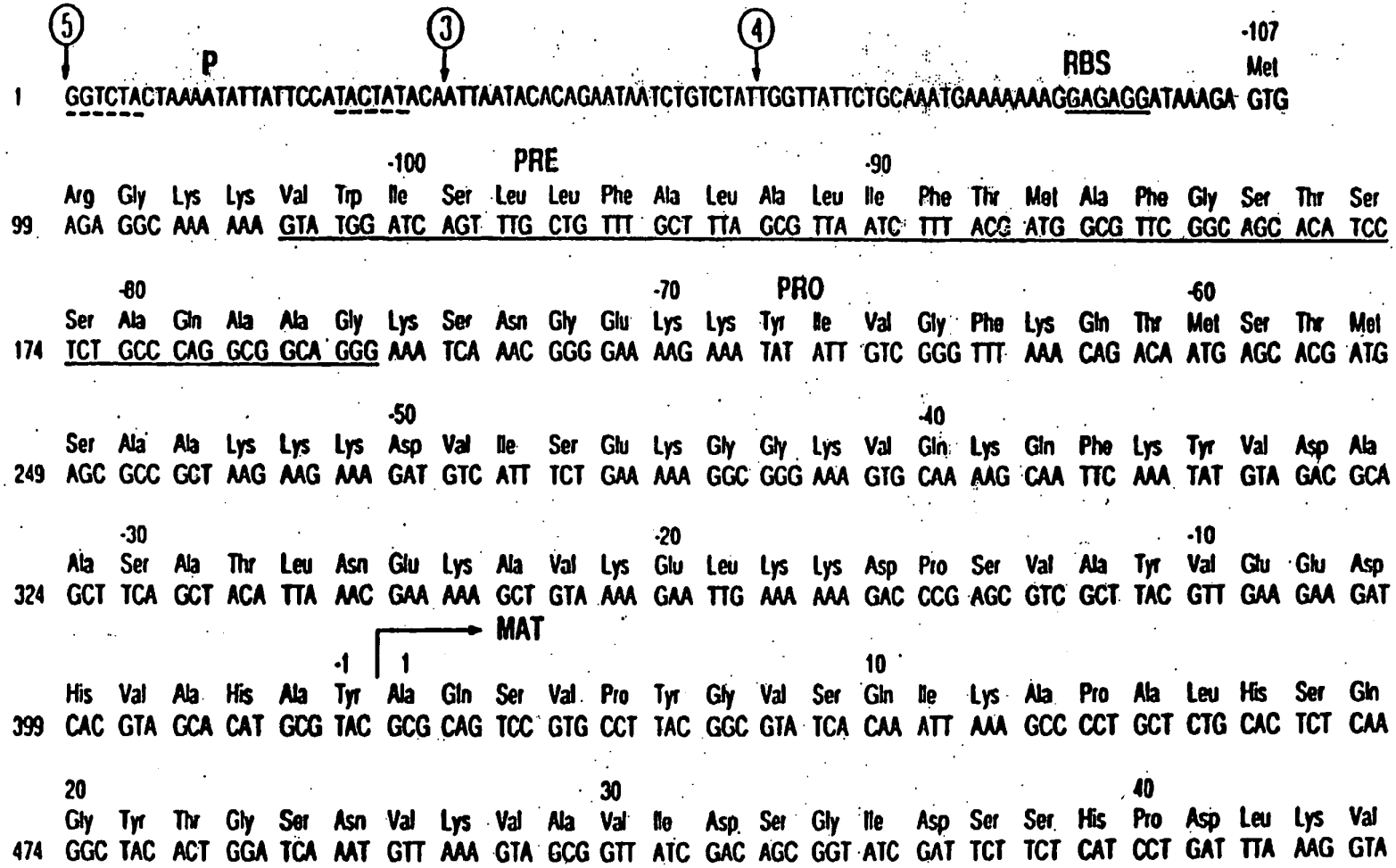


FIGURE 13.A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③
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-100
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-90
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-70
PRO
-60
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20
30
40
Gly Tyr Thr Gly Ser Asn Val Lys Val Ala Val Ile Asp Ser Gly Ile Asp Ser Ser His Pro Asp Leu Lys Val
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FIGURE 13.B1

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                         50                         Pro Asn         60  Asp
     Ala Gly Gly Ala Ser Met Val Pro Ser Glu Thr Asn Pro Phe Gln Asp Asn Asn Ser His Gly Thr His Val Ala
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     70                                      80                                      Ser Ala 90
     Gly Thr Val Ala Ala Leu Asn Asn Ser Ile Gly Val Leu Gly Val Ala Pro Ser Ala Ser Leu Tyr Ala Val Lys
o24  GGC ACA GTT GCG GCT CTT AAT AAC TCA ATC GGT GTA TTA GGC GTT GCG CCA AGC GCA TCA CTT TAC GCT GTA AAA

                 Asp Ala 100                                     110
     Val Leu Gly Ala Asp Gly Ser Gly Gln Tyr Ser Trp Ile Ile Asn Gly Ile Glu Trp Ala Ile Ala Asn Asn Met
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     120                                     130                                     140
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                         150                                 Ser Thr 160
     Ser Gly Val Val Val Val Ala Ala Ala Gly Asn Glu Gly Thr Ser Gly Ser Ser Ser Thr Val Gly Tyr Pro Gly
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     170                                     180                                     190
     Lys Tyr Pro Ser Val Ile Ala Val Gly Ala Val Asp Ser Ser Asn Gln Arg Ala Ser Phe Ser Ser Val Gly Pro
924  AAA TAC CCT TCT GTC ATT GCA GTA GGC GCT GTT GAC AGC AGC AAC CAA AGA GCA TCT TTC TCA AGC GTA GGA CCT

                         200                                     210
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     220                                     230                                     240
     Thr Ser Met Ala Ser Pro His Val Ala Gly Ala Ala Ala Leu Ile Leu Ser Lys His Pro Asn Trp Thr Asn Thr
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FIGURE 13.B2

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                                250  Gln                                    260
     Gln  Val  Arg  Ser  Ser  Leu  Glu  Asn  Thr  Thr  Thr  Lys  Leu  Gly  Asp  Ser  Phe  Tyr  Tyr  Gly  Lys  Gly  Leu  Ile  Asn
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     270                       275
     Val  Gln  Ala  Ala  Ala  Gln  OC                    TERM
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1416 CTTCCCGGTTTCCGGTCAGCTCAATGCCGTAACGGTCGGCGGCGTTTTCCTGATACCGGGAGACGGCATTCGTAATCGGATC
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FIGURE 13.B3

CONSERVED RESIDUES IN SUBTILISINS FROM *BACILLUS AMYLOLIQUEFACIENS*

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1                   10                  20
A Q S V P . G . . . . . A P A . H . . G

21                  30                  40
. T G S . V K V A V . D . G . . . . H P

41                  50                  60
D L . . . G G A S . V P . . . . . Q D

61                  70                  80
. N . H G T H V A G T . A A L N N S I G

81                  90                  100
V L G V A P S A . L Y A V K V L G A . G

101                 110                 120
S G . . S . L . . G . E W A . N . . . .

121                 130                 140
V . N . S L G . P S . S . . . . . A . .

141                 150                 160
. . . . . G V . V V A A . G N . G . . .

161                 170                 180
. . . . . Y P . . Y . . . . A V G A .

181                 190                 200
D . . N . . A S F S . . G . . L D . . A

201                 210                 220
P G V . . Q S T . P G . . Y . . . N G T

221                 230                 240
S M A . P H V A G A A A L . . . K . . .

241                 250                 260
W . . . Q . R . . L . N T . . . L G . .

261                 270
. . Y G . G L . N . . A A . .
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FIGURE 14

COMPARISON OF SUBTILISIN SEQUENCES FROM:

B.amyloliquefaciens
B.subtilis
B.licheniformis
B.lentus

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01                  10                  20                  30
\ Q S V P Y G V S Q I K A P A L H S Q G Y T G S N V K V A V I D S G I D S S H P
A Q S V P Y G I S Q I K A P A L H S Q G Y T G S N V K V A V I D S G I D S S H P
A Q T V P Y G I P L I K A D K V Q A Q G F K G A N V K V A V L D T G I Q A S H P
A Q S V P W G I S R V Q A P A A H N R G L T G S G V K V A V L D T G I S T * H P

41                  50                  60                  70
D L K V A G G A S M V P S E T N P F Q D N N S H G T H V A G T V A A L N N S I G
D L N V R G G A S F V P S E T N P Y Q D G S S H G T H V A G T I A A L N N S I G
D L N V V G G A S F V A G E A Y N * T D G N G H G T H V A G T V A A L D N T T G
D L N I R G G A S F V P G E * P S T Q D G N G H G T H V A G T I A A L N N S I G

81                  90                  100                 110
V L G V A P S A S L Y A V K V L G A D G S G Q Y S W I I N G I E W A I A N N M D
V L G V S P S A S L Y A V K V L D S T G S G Q Y S W I I N G I E W A I S N N M D
  L G V A P S V S L Y A V K V L N S S G S G S Y S G I V S G I E W A T T N G M D
V L G V A P S A E L Y A V K V L G A S G S G S V S S I A Q G L E W A G N N G M H

121                 130                 140                 150
V I N M S L G G P S G S A A L K A A V D K A V A S G V V V V A A A G N E G T S G
V I N M S L G G P T G S T A L K T V V D K A V S S G I V V A A A A G N E G S S G
V I N M S L G G A S G S T A M K Q A V D N A Y A R G V V V V A A A G N S G N S G
V A N L S L G S P S P S A T L E Q A V N S A T S R G V L V V A A S G N S G A G S
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FIGURE 15.A

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161                 170                 180                 190
S S S T V G Y P G K Y P S V I A V G A V D S S N Q R A S F S S V G P E L D V M A
S T S T V G Y P A K Y P S T I A V G A V N S S N Q R A S F S S A G S E L D V M A
S T N T I G Y P A K Y D S V I A V G A V D S N S N R A S F S S V G A E L E V M A
*     * I S Y P A R Y A N A M A V G A T D Q N N N R A S F S Q Y G A G L D I V A

201                 210                 220                 230
P G V S I Q S T L P G N K Y G A Y N G T S M A S P H V A G A A A L I L S K H P N
P G V S I Q S T L P G G T Y G A Y N G T S M A T P H V A G A A A L I L S K H P T
P G A G V Y S T Y P T N T Y A T L N G T S M A S P H V A G A A A L I L S K H P N
P G V N V Q S T Y P G S T Y A S L N G T S M A T P H V A G A A A L V K Q K N P S

241                 250                 260                 270
W T N T Q V R S S L E N T T T K L G D S F Y Y G K G L I N V Q A A A Q
W T N A Q V R D R L E S T A T Y L G N S F Y Y G K G L I N V Q A A A Q
L S A S Q V R N R L S S T A T Y L G S S F Y Y G K G L I N V E A A A Q
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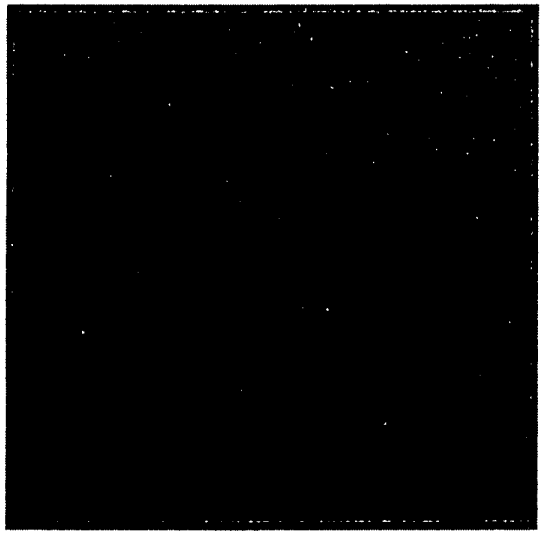
FIGURE 15.B

Initial evaluation results

MC-A



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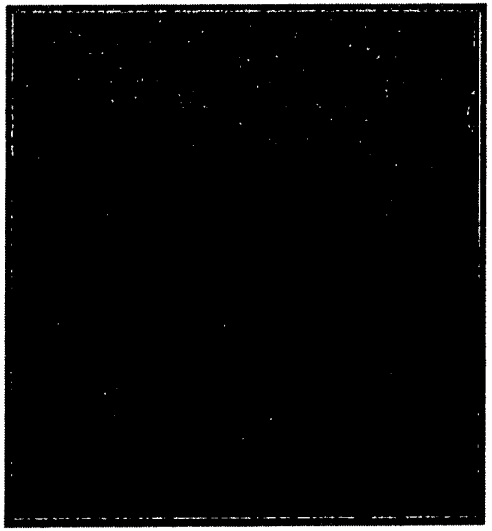
MC-3



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MC-4

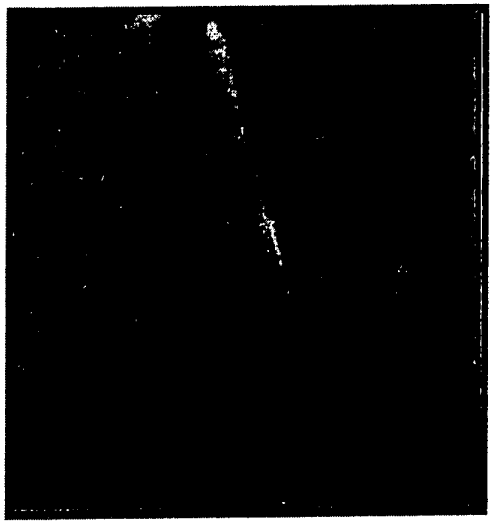

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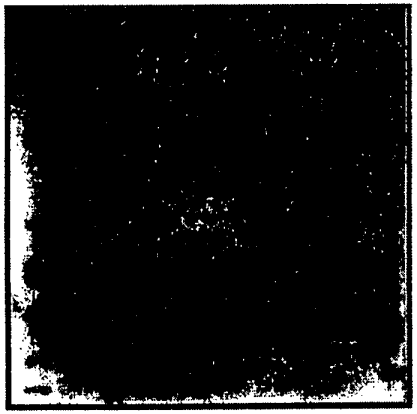
Fig. 16

Comparison with Properase

m 2 4 6 8 10 12 P rPrP m

Properase 60°C 30 minutes

MC-A 50°C 30 minutes



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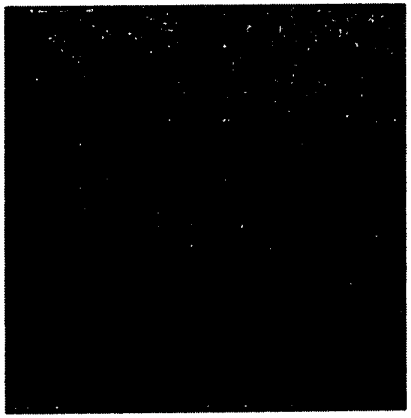
MC-3 50°C 30 minutes



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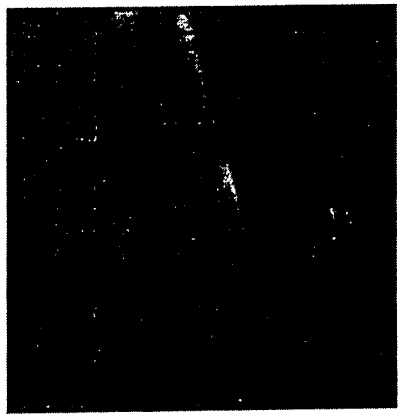
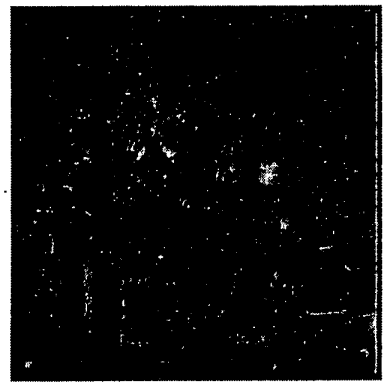
MC-4 50°C 30 minutes



m mbh 2 4 6 8 10 12 P m

Fig. 17

Comparison with Properase



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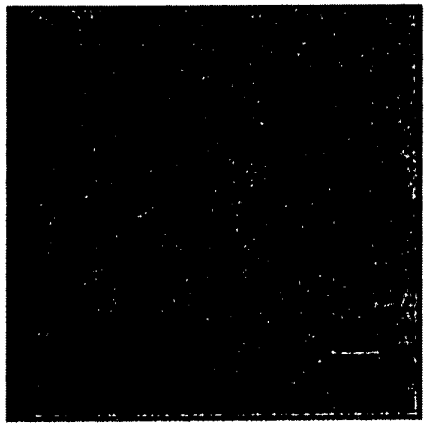
Properase 60°C 30 minutes

MC-A 60°C 30 minutes

m 2 4 6 8 10 12 P rPrP m

MC-3 60°C 30 minutes



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MC-4 60°C 30 minutes

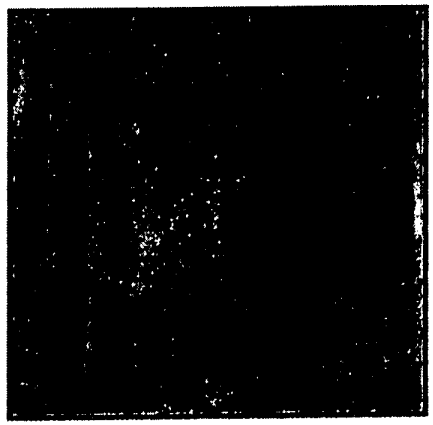

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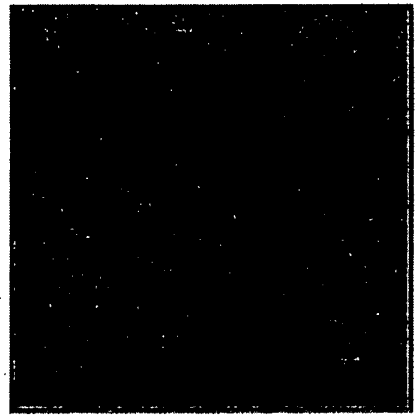
Fig. 18

Temperature profiling with MC-3

50°C 30 minutes



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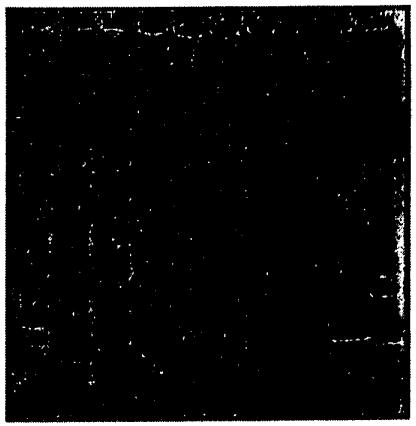
70°C 30 minutes



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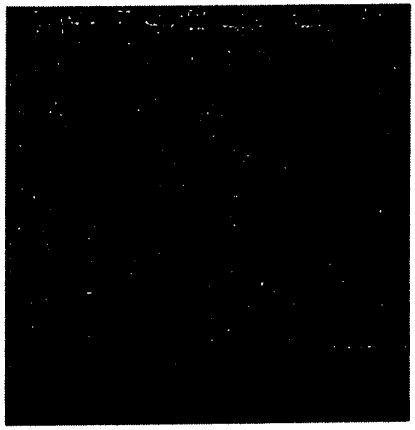
60°C 30 minutes

m 2 4 6 8 10 12 P rPrP m

80°C 30 minutes



m 2 4 6 8 10 12 P rPrP m

Fig. 19

Detection with PAb2

mbh pH 2-12 digested at 50°C 30 minutes

- Detected with a chemiluminescent detection substrate (Pierce)

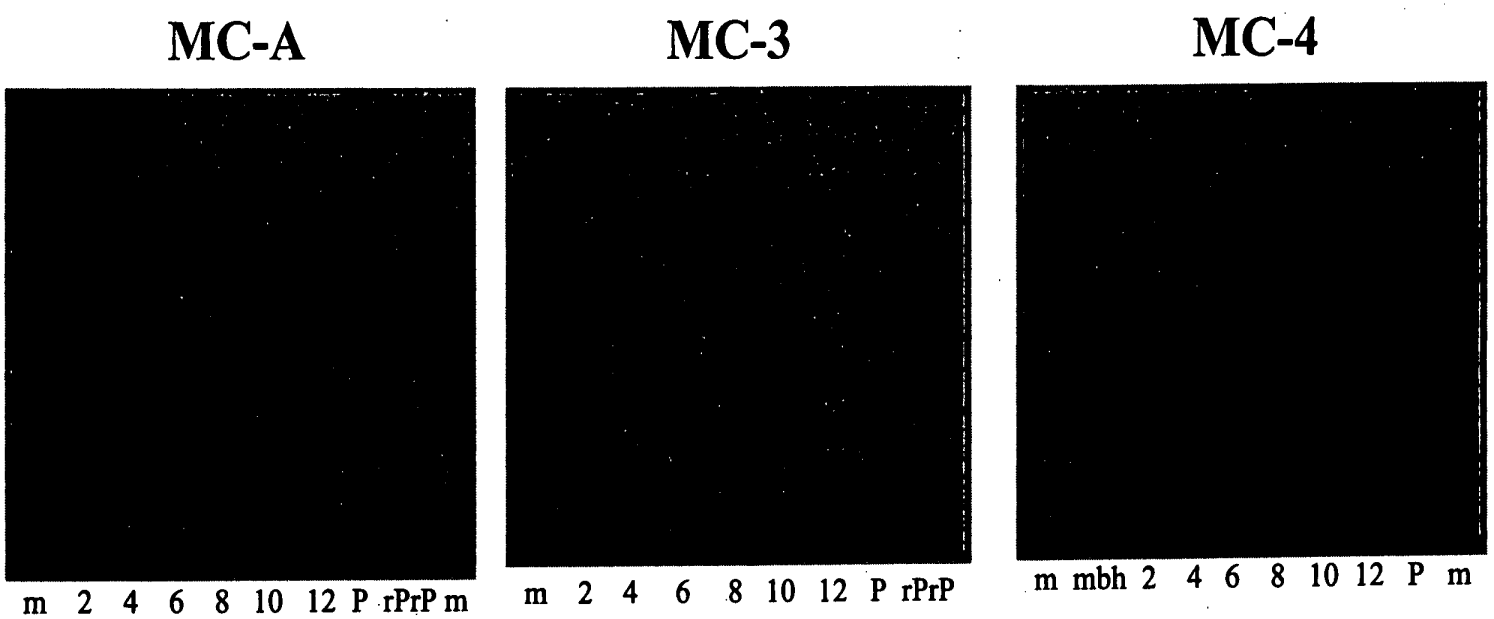
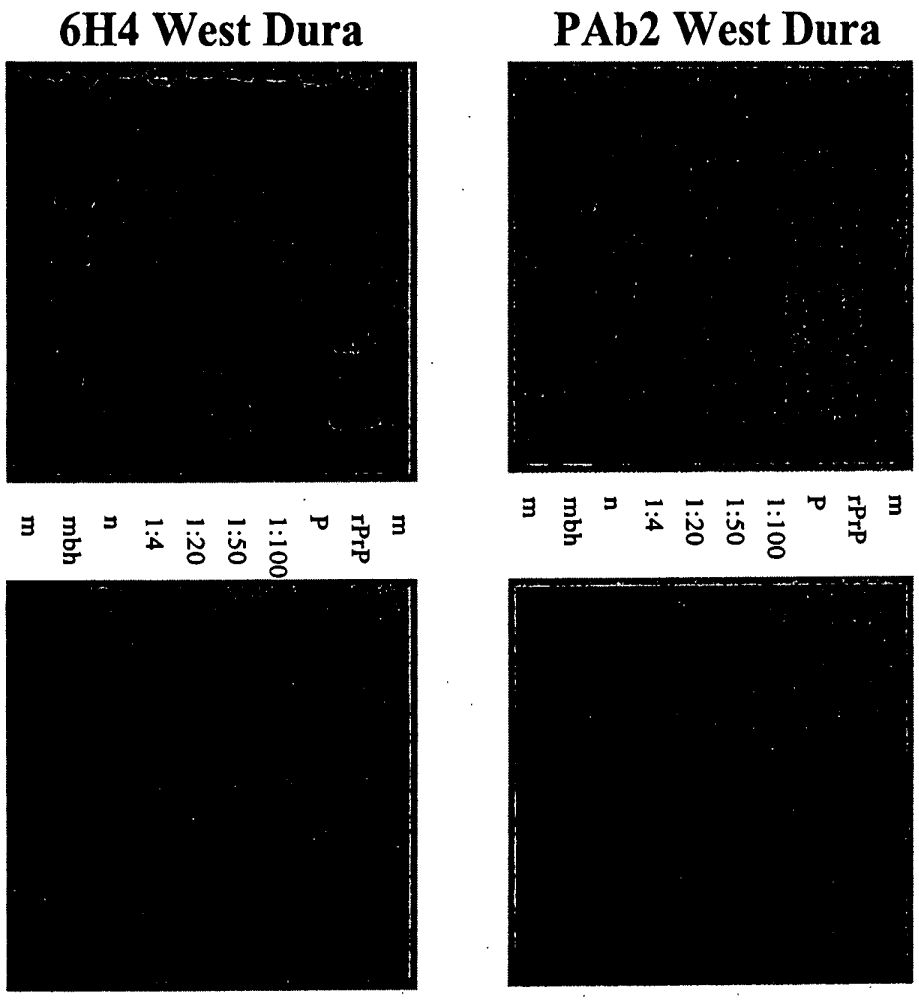


Fig. 20

MC-3 dilutions at pH 10 & pH12



pH 10

Monomer bands at 1:20 dilution

HMW bands across dilution range

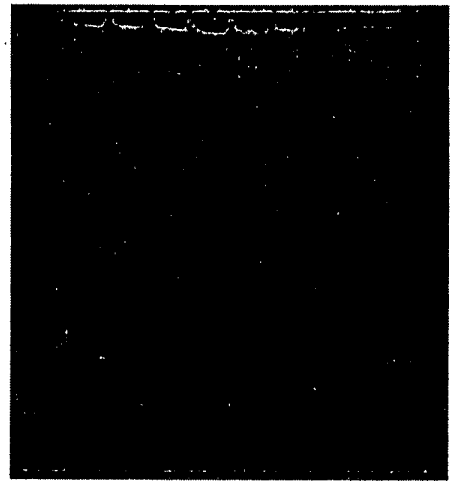
pH 12

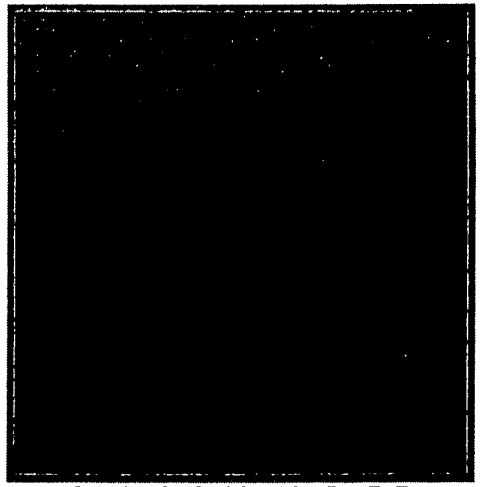
No monomer bands

HMW bands much reduced across dilution range

Fig. 21

Comparison with Proteinase K





- Characteristic PrP^{Sc} monomer bands pH 2-10

  Incomplete digestion pH12 however no clear monomers

  HMW bands present pH 2-12

  The new proteases are better at removing both the monomer and HMW bands than Proteinase K

Fig. 22